

A CHANGING LANDSCAPE: National and Local

- Increased community services available to support children and families to assure success at home and in school
- Increased inter-agency collaboration and integration
- Increased number of children remaining and thriving at home with family
- Children returning home from residential services more quickly.
- Reduced repeat maltreatment
- Reduced recidivism – children and families are not coming back into care/community success...reduced hospitalizations...reduced criminal activity
- Changes in casework practice and service delivery
 - Increased family engagement : Voice and Choice
 - Increased use of peer leaders with older adolescents: Voice and Choice
 - New service models that increase integration between levels of service
 - New approaches in child welfare and in child mental health
 - Economic environment requires maximization of all resources
 - Specialized focus on youth transitioning to adulthood
- National focus on improving outcomes

PRINCIPLES GUIDING JOINT PROCUREMENT

- The focus of all service delivery is FAMILY and YOUTH
- There is a shared vision of philosophy, values and practice approaches between purchasers, providers, families, and youth
- There is permeability and portability between levels of service (including residential and community programs)
- Service delivery promotes stability and success in living and educational settings.
- Decision making is aligned with authority and accountability.
- There is flexibility in service delivery, program operations and financial structures.
- There is a safe, honest and non-blaming culture of partnership between purchasers, providers and families.
- Financial structures promote effective use of resources and maximize multiple sources of funding.
- Management structures promote effective leadership, timely access, and consistently high quality services.
- There is a thoughtful and planned approach to system change which includes input from providers, families, and youth

